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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Research & Engineering Division, TSSG

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1. The assumptions presented in the "Color Report" were not originated by TSSG/RED, but rather by a group of individuals involved with the future development of color (see Color Prediction Report of 1 August 1969, []). These assumptions were reiterated in the Color Report. It was emphasized in the Color Report that it was not the number of feet that was of import, but that a large volume of color film will be delivered to NPIC for exploitation. The truth of the matter will be known in 1973-74.

2. IEG guesses that not more than 100,000-200,000 feet of color film will be received. My personal opinion is that this is a significant amount of film; i.e., these figures compare favorably with the total footage of satellite film received at NPIC during CY 1964 which was 230,000 feet, and during CY 1965, equal to 225,000 feet.

3. Recent high resolution duplication of the green layer from the original acquisition material onto SO-3404 (EQW) has produced exceptional results that should improve in the future. The implication being that the exploitation process may not necessarily be handicapped by flying even all missions in color.

4. It is agreed that color should be thoroughly evaluated before NPIC and the community are committed to a large-scale color exploitation program. It is also agreed that this assessment cannot be made from []. The Color Report did not even mention [].

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5. Aside from the above, I have no other pertinent comments to make. IEG's response was fair and encouraging in that IEG is interested not only in participating in color plans but also in assuming leadership in important areas of effort.

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